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AND INSTALLING SAME
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the documents which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08. Copies of the Foreign Patent Documents are being submitted herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3)(ii), copies of English-language translations of the Abstracts of the aforementioned Foreign Patent Documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner is advised that the following patent applications (which are also identified on the attached PTO/SB/08) contain subject matter that may be related to the pending claims in the present application. In particular, applicants would like to draw

the Examiner's attention to the fact that substantive examination may have occurred in these cases. Copies of Office Actions that have issued and Replies that have been filed in these cases are submitted herewith. Applicants invite the Examiner to review these documents or any future substantive documents that will issue or be filed in any of these cases. By bringing these applications to the Examiner's attention, applicants do not waive any applicable confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. 122.

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Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be: (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08, as considered and initialized by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action, but before the mailing date of a final Office Action, a Notice of Allowance, or an Office Action that otherwise closes prosecution. Accordingly, a \$180.00 fee is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The director is hereby authorized to charge the \$180.00 fee, and any additional fees that are due, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075, Order No. 000293-0034-105.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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